

# BIG GUESSING CONTEST.

## WHO Will Be Elected President of the United States at the Coming Election?

## HOW MANY VOTES WILL HE GET?

The West Virginian Proposes to Give the Best Guessers Some Liberal Prizes.

## HERE IS THE PLAN:

We will give to our Patrons and Subscribers \$250.00 IN GOLD

on the following conditions:

To the person estimating the exact number, or the nearest the exact number of votes cast for the winner in the Presidential contest, we will give \$100.00 in gold.

To the person guessing the next nearest number, \$50.00 in gold.

To the third nearest guesses, \$25.00 in gold.

To the five next nearest, each \$10.00.

To the five next nearest, each \$5.00 in gold.

The thirteen people in this case will be the lucky ones.

### CONDITIONS OF THE CONTEST:

1. Each person who is a regular subscriber to the Daily West Virginian on July 6, is entitled to one guess.
2. Each person paying one dollar for a three months' subscription to the West Virginian beginning after July 6 will be entitled to one guess.
3. Any person paying in advance for one year will be entitled to four estimates, or for any part of a year in the same manner, each one dollar paid on subscription entitling the subscriber to a guess.
4. Any person securing two subscribers for three months and paying us two dollars, will be entitled to one guess, or additional guesses in the same proportion, one guess for each two dollars, sent in. The person securing the subscription will be entitled to guess and the persons subscribing will also be entitled to guesses.

### TO AID IN MAKING THE ESTIMATE:

In 1892,

Grover Cleveland received 5,552,351 votes.

Benjamin Harrison received 5,176,336 votes.

In 1896,

William McKinley received 7,111,607 votes.

William J. Bryan received 6,509,052 votes.

In 1900,

William McKinley received 7,263,266 votes.

William J. Bryan received 6,415,387 votes.

The guess or guesses of each individual will be kept secret. Who will be the first to record his guess? Remember it begins on Wednesday, July 6. Some one will get first prize, why not you?

### PROFESSIONAL EATERS.

Indians Employ Substitutes to Consume Food For Them.

One of the most striking customs of the past that are preserved by the Indians of today is found among the tribes on the Devil's Lake reservation in North Dakota. An official of the Indian service gives the following account of this peculiar practice:

"From time immemorial the Devil's Lake Sioux have adhered to an old custom in regard to the treatment of a guest. According to their etiquette, it is the bounden duty of the host to supply his guest with all the food he may desire, and as a rule the apportionment set before the visiting Indian is much in excess of the capacity of a single man.

"But by the same custom the guest is obliged to eat all that is placed before him, else he grossly insults his entertainer. It was found that this practice would work a hardship, but instead of dispensing with the custom the Indian method of reasoning was applied, and what is known as the professional eater was brought to the front.

"While the guest is supposed to eat all that is placed before him, it serves the same purpose if his neighbor assists in devouring the bountiful repast, the main object being to have the plate clean when the meal is finished.

"It is not always practicable to depend upon a neighbor at table to assist in getting away with a large dinner, and in order to insure the final consumption of the allotted portion visiting Indians call upon these professional eaters, whose duty it is to sit beside them through a meal and eat what the guest leaves. The professional eaters are never looked upon in the light of guests, but more as traveling companions with a particular duty to perform.

"These eaters receive from \$1 to \$2 and even \$3 for each meal where they assist. It is stated by the Agent of the Devil's Lake reservation that one of the professional eaters has been known to dispose of seventeen pounds of beef at a sitting. That they are capable of eating an almost fabulous amount I myself can testify."—Hygienic Gazette.

### "SLEEPY" WOODCHUCK.

The Little Animals Are Far More Alert Than They Appear.

If there is any one of our native animals that looks slow, clumsy, lazy and generally unfit to survive in the struggle for existence it is the woodchuck. After he has built, or rather excavated, his home—which, to tell the truth, he does in a rapid and businesslike way—he does nothing but eat and sleep. Yet any one who takes him up as an incompetent is likely to get fooled, for he is a source of continual surprises.

When your garden is not far from the woods you may be awakened in the middle of the night by a series of most alarming yells and howls, occasioned by some hungry woodchuck that has come for a nocturnal visit to the cabbage patch and met with a warm reception from your dogs. The woodchuck usually gets away apparently unharmed, while the dogs are left to nurse their scratched noses and fore paws. The woodchuck, in fact, has plenty of courage and will always fight in preference to running away.

Throughout the summer this little "wood pig" spends most of his time in the vicinity of his burrow, coming out early in the morning to take his breakfast, returning to his nest for a morning nap, appearing again at noon and late in the afternoon for his dinner and supper, only to return again for another snooze. Occasionally he makes a visit to some neighboring orchard or garden. By Oct. 1, when he is fat, he retires into his subterranean home for a long sleep, until, as we are led to believe, the proverbial "ground hog" day—County Life in America.

### Grant and His Boy Admirer.

An intimate friend of President Grant said to him one day, "General, my little boy has heard that all great men write poor hands, but he says he believes you are a great man in spite of the fact that you write your signature so plainly that anybody can read it."

The president took a card from his pocket, wrote his name on it and handed it to him.

"Give that to your boy," he said, "and tell him it is the signature of a man who is not at all great, but that the fact must be kept a secret between him and me."—Boston Christian Register.

### Spiders.

Spiders are not insects, as most people think. The spider has eight legs, whereas an insect cannot have more than six. The nervous system is constructed on a totally different basis, and so are the circulation and respiration. The eyes are different, the insects having many compound eyes and the spider never having more than eight and all of them simple. Then a spider has no separate head, the head and the thorax being fused together.

### Her Youth.

Mrs. Flannery—Mrs. Dooley's been real sick. Dye think she will recover? Mrs. Flannery—She thinks so. She sez she has youth on her side. Mrs. Flannery—Faith, it must be on the inside, then, fur it don't show.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The average man takes a woman as a partner for life and never lets her participate in the business.—Aitchison Globe.

Not until Henry VIII's time were raspberries, strawberries or cherries cultivated in England.

The true merit—W. L. Douglas \$3.50 Shoe for men. C. B. Highland.

## WHEN POLICEMEN MAY SHOOT

Judge Skinner, at Newark, Makes Special Charge on Killing of Fugitive By Detective.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—Judge Alfred F. Skinner, of the Court of Oyer and Terminer, delivered the charge to the September grand jury of Essex county at Newark yesterday, in the absence of Chief Judge Gummere, who is ill.

Judge Skinner paid particular attention to the shooting and killing of Herbert Earl by Detective Sergeant Farrell, on August 3 last. Earl was arrested on a charge of forgery and broke away from his captor.

Judge Skinner said: "A police officer may shoot to prevent the escape of a prisoner if the escape cannot otherwise be prevented. In that connection you will notice that the escape was attempted in broad day light, and in the centre of the city, where at such a time there are usually many other people who might join in the hue and cry. The law will not justify an officer in shooting a prisoner to prevent an escape where his own negligence has created the necessity of shooting."

### REPUBLICAN POLLS CHEER MANAGERS.

CHICAGO, Sept. 22.—Sentiment in the West is overwhelmingly Republican, according to preliminary reports from State polls which have been going on all over the country for a month.

This announcement was made today by managers at the National Republican headquarters. The reports also show that the minds of the voters are already made up to an unusual degree.

Chairman Roy O. West, of the State committee, ascribed this fact not only to the lack of live issues in the campaign but also to the fact that labor unions and similar organizations and the free rural mail delivery have gone much to educate the people in the last four years.

While the Republican managers are inclined to view the political situation with confidence, they say that there may be a whirlwind campaign in October and that both Republicans and Democrats will work to get out the vote on election day as they never have before worked.

### BRYAN'S VIEW OF PLATFORM.

"I shall not misrepresent the situation, or appeal for votes for the ticket upon false grounds. A Democratic victory will mean VERY LITTLE, IF ANY, PROGRESS on economic questions so long as the party is under the control of the Wall Street element. \* \* \* The LABOR PLANK as prepared by Judge Parker's friends on the sub-committee was a straddling, meaningless plank. \* \* \* The nomination of Judge Parker VIRTUALLY NULLIFIES THE ANTI-TRUST PLANK."—William Jennings Bryan, in "The Commoner," July 13, 1904.

### Bigger Odds on Roosevelt.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—On the belief that the Saratoga convention would not succeed in nominating a strong man as Democratic candidate for governor of this State, odds dropped to 10 to 1 on Roosevelt yesterday on the Broad street curb. J. J. Judge bet \$10 to \$100 with W. J. Gallagher on Parker. These are the greatest odds so far during this campaign. The bet was a small one and was not generally regarded as indicative of the real state of the betting market; nevertheless the bet attracted attention.

I have some good lots in two squares of Court-house for sale at \$375.00. H. H. Lanham

## DO YOU SUFFER FROM

Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sore Joints, Sore Feet, Borema—Tetter, Catarrh, Sore Throat, Hay Fever, Asthma, Throat Troubles, Eczema, Itching or Bleeding, Burns, Cuts, Bruises, and Sore or any disease that begins with Fever, Swelling, or Inflammation? If so, we offer you a bottle of PARACAMPH FREE.

If you have never tried Paracamp, send us this coupon to-day. This is our gift, made to convince you what Paracamp is and what it can do. Don't hesitate, as this places you under no obligations whatever.

Cut out this coupon at once, fill out the blanks and mail it to:

THE PARACAMPH CO., Louisville, Ky.

My disease is..... I have never used Paracamp, but if you will send me bottle free of cost, I will try it.

Name.....

Street Address.....

County and State.....

(Give full address. Write plainly.)

Remember, PARACAMPH is recommended by surgeons and physicians. Used by athletes the world over. Thousands of testimonials. Guaranteed perfectly harmless.

### "INSURANCE THAT INSURES"

LIBERAL AND NO RESTRICTIONS

FRANCIS E. NICHOLS

... INSURANCE ...

FIRE, ACCIDENT, PLATE GLASS STEAM BOILER, EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY, ELEVATORS.

NO. 315 MAIN STREET.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

Samuel B. Holbert.

Edward F. Holbert.

"Fire insurance is the best policy."

We represent TWENTY of the strongest and most liberal fire insurance companies in the world, and have unequalled facilities for placing large or small lines at the lowest possible rates. It will pay you to consult us before placing your insurance.

HOLBERT BROTHERS, General Insurance,

Skinner Block,

Fairmont, W. V.



### Trochet's Colchicine Salicylate Capsules.

A standard and infallible cure for RHEUMATISM and GOUT, endorsed by the highest medical authorities of Europe and America. Dispensed only in spherical capsules, which dissolve in liquids of the stomach without causing irritation or disagreeable symptoms. Price, \$1 per bottle. Sold by druggists. Be sure and get the genuine. WILLIAMS MED. CO., CLEVELAND, OHIO, Sole Props. Sold by M. D. Christie.

DR.

## Lyon's French Periodical Drops

Strictly vegetable, perfectly harmless, sure to accomplish DESIRED RESULTS. Greatest known female remedy. Price, \$1.50 per bottle.

CAUTION Beware of counterfeits and imitations. The genuine is put up only in paste-board cartons with facsimile signature on side of the bottle. Send for Circular to WILLIAMS MED. CO., Sole Agents, Cleveland, Ohio. Sold by M. D. Christie.

## Baltimore & Ohio R. R.

The "Nation's Highway" and "Shortest Route"

TO THE

WORLD'S FAIR, ST. LOUIS.

THREE THROUGH TRAINS DAILY

Vestibuled throughout with Pullman Sleeping Cars, Observation Cars and Dining Cars.

VIA CINCINNATI, SEASON, SIXTY-DAY

and FIFTEEN-DAY EXCURSION TICKETS ON SALE

AT Very Low Rates.

Cheap Coach Excursions

From All Stations Announced From Time to Time.

Ask ticket agents for Description World's Fair folder, boarding-house and hotel booklet, guide maps and full information.

Mrs. E. A. McCartney, Ladies Tailoring.

Gentlemen's Cleaning and Repairing. Cheapest price for high grade Tailoring. Third Floor, Carr Building.



Standard for 13 years.

The roofing which has proved that it can resist the greatest extremes of weather and factory conditions. Absolutely waterproof. Send for samples.

Kelley Bros., Fairmont.

### PILES! PILES! PILES!

Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment will cure Blind, Bleeding, Ulcerated and Itching Piles. It absorbs the tumors, allays the itching at once, acts as a poultice, gives instant relief. Dr. Williams' Indian Pile Ointment is prepared only for Piles and Itching of the private parts, and nothing else. Every box is guaranteed. Sold by druggists, sent by mail, for 50c. and \$1.00 per box. WILLIAMS' MED. CO., Prop'r's, Cleveland, Ohio.

Some nice lots on Hamilton Hill for sale, at a good bargain. H. H. Lanham.

### BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD

To the World's Fair—Very Low Rates.

Various forms of excursion tickets to St. Louis, via Baltimore & Ohio Railroad now on sale from Fairmont as follows:

SEASON TICKETS, good to return until December 15, 1904, to be sold daily at the rate of \$20.00 round trip.

SIXTY DAY Excursion Tickets, final limit not later than December 15, 1904, to be sold daily at rate of \$22.10 round trip.

FIFTEEN DAY Excursion tickets, to be sold daily at rate of \$18.60 round trip.

VARIABLE ROUTE EXCURSION tickets, either season or sixty day, will be sold going via one direct route and returning via another direct route, full information concerning which can be obtained from Ticket Agent.

STOP-OVERS not exceeding ten days at each point will be allowed at Washington, Deer Park, Mountain Lake Park, Oakland, Mitchell, Ind. (for French Lick and West Baden Springs), Cincinnati and Chicago within return limit, upon notice to conductor and deposit of ticket with Depot Ticket Agent immediately upon arrival.

STOP-OVERS not exceeding ten days will be allowed at St. Louis on all one-way (except Colonists' Tickets to the Pacific Coast) and round trip tickets reading to points beyond St. Louis, upon deposit of ticket with Validating Agent and payment of fee of \$1.00.

Three solid vestibuled trains are run daily from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington via Parkersburg and Cincinnati to St. Louis.

Magnificent coaches, sleeping cars, observation cars and unexcelled dining-car service.

For illustrated folder, time table and full information, call at Ticket Office, Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

### You Want the Best.

Are you going to spend your vacation somewhere out of town?

If so, of course you will want one of your home papers to follow you. Why not the West Virginian?

It's the best, and of course you want the best, and it will only cost you ten cents per week mailed to any address in the United States.

Some one will get the hundred dollars in gold. It is worth guessing for.

If you once "get the habit" you will always buy your furniture from the Fairmont Furniture Co. Opposite postoffice.